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Dear Ms. Hanlon,

I think it is very poor policy to ship thousands of tons of radioactive spent fuel rods across the country to Nevada. Many shipments, estimated about one every other day will go through St Louis, much more often through Kansas City.

These shipments casts are not designed to cope with real conditions that happen during accidents, with fire or explosions from the crash. They clearly also could not safely withstand terrorist attack and this problem can no longer be ignored.

Finally, Yucca Mountain area is very geologically unstable. This makes it unsuitable as a permanent waste storage repository. Since no location could realistically be found if the actual risks of radioactive waste storage are scientifically considered, it may be best to shutdown all nuclear plants in a planned phase out program so more radioactive waste is not generated. The federal government needs to reconsider its political plan to make Nevada the nuclear dump for this country and admit that our nuclear power policies are unwise and

far too costly. I doubt that these plants could be operated without the massive tax subsidies that they receive. It's time to admit past mistakes and stop generating more nuclear waste, especially from commercial electric power plants.

Sincerely,
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